

**IN THE SPECIFICATION”**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention concerns a~~ A strip for safeguarding a document and a document that  
incorporates such a strip. ~~, comprising~~ The strip includes a support on which there is formed in the  
longitudinal direction of the strip an alternation of ~~generally~~ metallised regions and ~~generally~~  
transparent regions. ~~, said~~ The alternation being capable of establishing establishes a macro-contrast  
on a scale identified as global at the level of the document to be safeguarded in such a way as to  
constitute protection against reproduction of the document. ~~documents with which the strip will be~~  
~~associated, characterised in that the~~ The strip also comprises includes optically active elements in  
association with the ~~generally~~ metallised regions and/or the ~~generally~~ transparent regions of the strip  
to produce an optical effect on a micro-contrast scale ~~identified as detail at the level of~~ on the  
document to be safeguarded. ~~, said~~ The optical effect making it possible to constitute provides a  
recognisable sign for identifying ~~said the~~ document. ~~The present invention finally concerns a~~  
~~security document incorporating a strip as set forth hereinbefore.~~